

## LIFE DON BETA

### EPISODE 26

### CHARACTERS

*Efe*

*Elvis*

*Akugbe*

*Isoken*

*Mr Amadasun*

*Whiz Papa*

*Pullen*

### SCENE 1

Pullen's apartment. Early afternoon

1. **SFX:** (OFF MIC) SOUND OF MERRIMENT. A POPULAR BENIN MUSICIAN IS PLAYING.
2. **EFE:** **(SUGARY NICE)** Elvis my dear, thank you for agreeing to see me outside without Isoken.
3. **ELVIS:** **(POLITE)** No problem madam Efe. You are like a mother to Isoken, so I am curious to know what you have to say
4. **EFE:** **(SPITTING VENOM)** Isoken my daughter? God forbid?
5. **ELVIS:** **(SHOCKED)** You hate her so much? Why?
6. **EFE:** That is why I called you outside. Elvis, I can see you are a very nice young man and I don't want you to make a mistake!
7. **ELVIS:** What are you talking about? Mistake? Isoken is a very nice girl and I am proud to have her as my wife!
8. **EFE:** You cannot be blamed for talking this way. Isoken is a very cunning girl who is very manipulative.

9. **ELVIS:** **(TRYING NOT TO LAUGH)** Manipulative? How can my almost timid Isoken be manipulative?
10. **EFE:** You are surprised heeen? But let's leave that aside.
11. **ELVIS:** Is there more?
12. **EFE:** See young man, I have known that girl ever since she was a baby. You won't believe what I have had to put up with.
13. **ELVIS:** **(MOCKINGLY)** Really? Tell me more Madam Efe!
14. **EFE:** I can see you are a wise young man. You are not a fool and are ready to listen.
15. **ELVIS:** Yes? Is there more?
16. **EFE:** You see eh that girl is bad luck. She brings bad luck every where she goes. It is as if she is cursed. My dear Elvis I don't want her to bring bad luck to your family.
17. **ELVIS:** But Isoken has actually.....
18. **EFE:** Don't get carried away with her outward beauty. Disaster awaits you if you marry this girl.
19. **ELVIS:** But Madam how can you be so sure? Are you a prophetess or something?
20. **EFE:** You don't believe me?
21. **ELVIS:** Do you have more things to tell me Madam?
22. **EFE:** **(DESPERATELY)** See don't ignore my warnings if you want peace. You see that Isoken is a trouble maker and a thief!
23. **ELVIS:** **(COLDLY)** Madam Efe calling my Isoken a thief is the worst lie you can tell about her. If there is one thing me and my family are sure about her is that she is most honest person we know in whole world!
24. **EFE:** Alright I take the thief part back. But you must believe the other things I said about...

25. **ELVIS:** (CUTTING IN) Isoken has told me some things about you and you've confirmed it with all the open lies you have been telling me about my wife...
26. **EFE:** (ANGRY) Lies? Your wife? You are already calling her your wife? Did you not hear anything I said about not marrying her?
27. **ELVIS** I will try and forget this conversation took place. I will just advice you to stop fermenting trouble. Excuse me. I need to go back to my wife!
28. **EFE:** Hmmm! Elvis! I took you as a sensible person; I see that I was mistaken. Don't say I didn't warn you! You will regret if you go along with this ceremony.
29. **BRIDGE MUSIC:** **UP AND FADES UNDER**

## SCENE 2

Pullen's house. Afternoon

30. **SFX:** **DOOR OPENS AND CHILDREN RUNNING IN. ALL TALKING EXCITEDLY AT THE SAME TIME.**
31. **ISOKEN:** (LAUGHING HAPPILY) I am glad you like your presents. I am happy to be here too.
32. **AKUGBE:** Now all of you go outside and play. I want to have special girls' talk with Isoken.
33. **SFX:** **PUSHING AND SHOVING AND SOME GRUMBLINGS BY THE KIDS. DOOR CLOSES.**
34. **AKUGBE:** Phew! These children, if we leave them we will never have time to talk?
35. **ISOKEN:** I miss them so much. They have all grown up.
36. **AKUGBE:** Miss them? You know what Isoken? If you miss them so much I think we should swap. You come back here and stay with them while I go with your darling Elvis.(BOTH GIRLS LAUGH)
37. **ISOKEN:** Elvis will have to stay here with me because I don't think he will leave here without me (MORE LAUGHTER)

38. **AKUGBE:** Seriously Isoken I can't get used to seeing you so fine and classy. I am sure my sister almost died of shock when she saw you!
39. **ISOKEN:** If she was shocked she did not show it! But Akugbe it is only clothes.
40. **AKUGBE:** Only clothes? Do you know how much those shoes cost? Even the lace is swiss voile for sure.
41. **ISOKEN:** What do I know about Swiss voile? It is Ivie, Elvis's sister and his mother who took it upon themselves to shop for these things for me. I am still the same old Isoken.
42. **AKUGBE:** I agree with you. You are so unchanged. The same old Isoken without any interest in fashion.
43. **ISOKEN:** Akugbe so how are you? Are you doing well?
44. **AKUGBE:** **(DEEP SIGH)** Well apart from some challenges I have had I am well and very glad to be alive. Isoken tell me how you managed to grab that handsome rich guy for yourself?
45. **ISOKEN:** **(LAUGHING)** Akugbe! I did nothing.
46. **AKUGBE:** Okay if it's that easy, leave this one for me so you can go find yourself another man. You seem to have a knack for getting correct men without even trying!
47. **ISOKEN:** Akugbe! You have not changed at all. Please leave my man for me and go and find yourself your own. When will you stop chasing other people's men?
48. **AKUGBE:** I have learnt my lesson o! I now go for young men who can be able to look after me. **(LAUGHS)**
49. **ISOKEN:** **(LAUGHING)** From that laugh I can deduce that you still chase after other peoples men whether young or old!
50. **AKUGBE:** What do you want me to do? Just sit around biting my nails while I wait for this prince charming? At least I am smart enough now not to bring home any unplanned surprises!
51. **ISOKEN:** Hmmm, Akugbe, at least you are getting it together. There is no excuse for being irresponsible these days.
52. **BRIDGE MUSIC:** **UP AND FADES UNDER**

SCENE 3

Pullen's residence. Afternoon

53. **SFX:** **SOUND OF MERRIMENT. BENIN MUSIC AS SOUNDBED. THE MC CAN BE HEARD MAKING SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS CALLING SOME PEOPLE TO THE HIGH TABLE. (ALL OFF MIC)**
54. **ISOKEN:** Papa where is Sister Efe! She is not at the high table. They have called her twice now and she has not come.
55. **EFE:** **(HIGH PITCHED CRAZY LAUGHTER)** Why are you all staring at me? You want to watch cinema?
56. **ISOKEN:** **(BEGINNING TO WEEP)** Sister not today now? Please don't spoil my day.
57. **EFE:** **(LONGER CRAZY LAUGHTER)** Her day? She now has a day. Mttsss!
58. **PULLEN:** Efe! What is the meaning of all this drama? Pull yourself together woman!
59. **EFE:** Pull myself together? Pullen pull yourself together! **(RAUCOUS LAUGHTER)** Don't make me laugh O! You whom I have tied down with juju. Can't you see you are now a fool? My mugu!
60. **SFX:** **LOUD GASPS FROM THE CROWD.**
61. **EFE:** **(ANGRY)** What are you all gasping about? You have not heard or seen anything and you are gasping? Now time for real drama. **(BEGINS TO PULL OFF HER CLOTHES)**
62. **SFX:** **LOUD GASPS FROM THE PARTY CROWD. SOME MURMURING.**
63. **ISOKEN:** **(WEEPING)** Sister what are you doing pulling off your clothes? You purposely want to ruin this occasion?
64. **EFE:** It's your life I have been wanting to take but your head has been too strong. You are the one pouring fire on my body now. Let me take off my clothes. I am too hot!
65. **AKUGBE:** Sister did you take too much ogoro? What is wrong with you?

66. **EFE:** Sister? See people my own daughter does not know she is daughter she thinks she is my sister.
67. **AKUGBE:** **(SHOCKED)** What? Me? Your daughter?
68. **EFE:** Yes o! I hid it from everybody even you because yyour father did not have money like Pullen. **(CRAZY LAUGH)** Like mother like daughter
69. **AKUGBE:** Are you mad?
70. **EFE:** I am not mad o! It is that Isoken that is pouring fire on me o! She is telling me to confess all. **(SCREAMS SUDDENLY)** Fire is burning me! I must confess everything! I killed Itohan, Isoken's mother.
71. **PULLEN:** Efe!
72. **EFE:** Don't Efe me. Yes I killed her because I was jealous of the harmony in your home and set out to snatch you her husband for myself.
73. **SFX:** **GASPS FROM ALL CORNERS.**
74. **PULLEN:** But you were my late wife's friend.
75. **EFE:** That is why It was easy for me to kill her. **(LAUGHS CRAZILY)**
76. **SFX:** **LOUD GASPS FROM THE CROWD. SOME CLAPPING THEIR HANDS IN DISMAY. MURMURING.**
77. **EFE:** **(SUDDENLY SHOUTS)** Keep quiet all of you! Don't you want to hear more?
78. **PULLEN:** So I have been living with a snake!
79. **EFE:** **(LOUD HISS LIKE A SNAKE)** So you don't know before? Let me finish. I slept with an obo to make some juju for me so as to disrupt this marriage.
80. **CROWD:** Hee!!!!
81. **EFE:** All of you don't interrupt me again. I must confess everything or else this Isoken will not let me rest!
82. **ISOKEN:** Sister why do you hate me so?

83. **EFE:** **(IGNORING HER) (IN A CONSPIRATIONAL TONE)** See! It was an egg I was supposed to break at the entrance to the venue for the marriage. **(SHE CLAPS)** It was as soon as I broke the egg that you started flogging me! Please stop flogging me. I beg you please.....**(SCREAMS)**
84. **SFX:** **EXCLAMATIONS FROM THE CROWD**
85. **PULLEN:** Then you are getting what you deserve. And I will not let you disrupt that marriage. Please, bros, help me take her outside.
86. **BRIDGE MUSIC:** **UP AND FADES UNDER**

#### **SCENE 4**

Pullen's residence. Afternoon

87. **VOICE:** Now let us call the father of the groom, Mr Amadasun, to bless the couple
88. **SFX:** **THE ASSEMBLY CLAPS**
89. **MR A:** Elvis and Isoken! come and kneel here
90. **SFX:** **SHUFFLING OF FEET AND RUSTLING OF MAT**
91. **MR A:** Before I pray for the two of you, I will like to say a few things. We thank God that He has made this day a success and that the plans of the enemies failed
92. **VOICES:** **MURMURING IN THE CROWD. WORDS LIKE 'THANK GOD', 'THAT WICKED WOMAN' ARE HEARD**
93. **MR A:** I pray that throughout your lives, you will continue to be victorious
94. **VOICES:** AMEN! AMEN o, Osanobua
95. **MR A:** I have to tell you both that marriage is sweet but it can be challenging. but I pray that it wont be hard for you
96. **VOICES:** AMEN!
97. **MR A:** Both of you must be open with each other. You must trust each other completely and you must never try to live above your means. God will always provide for you o
98. **VOICES:** AMEN! ISEEE
99. **MR A:** Before you carry out anything, you must both agree. Infact, you must agree on everything. Including the number of children you want to have. May God give you good children
100. **VOICES:** AMEN!

101.**MR A:** I know that in weddings, people pray that you will have triplets, quadruplets, many many children!

102.**VOICES:** **LAUGHTER**

103.**MR A:** I will not say that o. please have only the number of children you can cater for. I am sure you want the best for your children. And God will give you children that will take care of you in your old age

104.**VOICES:** AMEN!

105.**MR A:** May God bless your union. And so will it be. You may stand

106.**SFX:** **DRUMMING STARTS IN ERNEST**

107.**WHIZ PAPA:** **STARTS SINGING THEN MOVES ON TO HAPPY SONGS, SINGING ABOUT HOW THE WICKED ONES HAVE FAILED**

108.**MUSIC:** **BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND FADE**